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1. A series of arrests has been under way for three weeks in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The persons who had been arrested are individuals who served as guards or in administrative capacities in concentration camps and PW camps in which citizens of the "people's democracies" were imprisoned. In Kreis Sonneberg (M 51/J 40) 13 such arrests have already been made. It is expected that these arrests will affect several thousand persons in the Soviet Zone of Germany.
2. Those arrested are to be sentenced to life imprisonment in the Soviet Zone of Germany and then are to be extradited to the respective countries against whose citizens the offenses were committed. It has been said that Walter Ulbricht, Deputy Minister-President, is powerless to decline the request by satellite countries for the extradition of such persons.

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